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SUBJECT: BRITISH REQUEST FOR CONTACT GROUP'S VIEWS ON
POSSIBLE USE OF UN TROOPS IN NAMIBIA

1. DURING MEETING OF WESTERN FIVE CONTACT GROUP AM JULY 8,
AMB MURRAY (UK) STATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS
FROM HIS GOVERNMENT TO OBTAIN REACTIONS FROM CONTACT GROUP
MEMBERS TO POSSIBILITY OF UN TROOP INVOLVEMENT IN NAMIBIA.
SUBJECT EXPECTED TO BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL IN CONTACT GROUP
EARLY IN WEEK OF JULY 11.

2. COMMENT: MATTER OF WITHDRAWAL OF SAG TROOPS FROM NAMIBIA
IS MOST CRUCIAL OBSTACLE IN WAY OF ACHIEVING INTERNATIONALLY-
ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION IN NAMIBIA. WESTERN FIVE BRIEFINGS,
FOLLOWING SECOND ROUND OF CAPT TOWN TALKS, OF THESE PARTIES
MAINLY CONCERNED WITH NAMIBIA, REVEALED WIDE-SPREAD
SKEPTICISM THAT FREE ELECTIONS COULD BE HELD IN NAMIBIA IN
PRESENCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS. A SECOND CONCERN EXPRESSED
WAS THAT, EVEN IF SOME SAG TROOPS WERE TO BE WITHDRAWN, THOSE
TROOPS REMAINING WOULD BE IN COMMANDING POSITION IF
NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT FAILED, COMPARED TO SWAPO, WHOSE
FORCES WOULD HAVE DISARMED BEFORE ENTERING NAMIBIA.
PREVALENCE OF THESE VIEWS NECESSITATES EITHER: 1) WITHDRAWAL
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OF ENOUGH SAG TROOPS AND CREATION OF STRONG ENOUGH UN
CONTROL MECHANISM (TO CONTROL REMAINING TROOPS) TO SATISFY
SKEPTICS; OR, 2) COMPLETE REPLACEMENT OF SAG TROOPS BY
UN TROOPS.

3. CONTACT GROUP WILL DISCUSS MATTER OF SAG TROOP
WITHDRAWAL THOROUGHLY IN COMING DAYS AS IT IS SURE TO

BE PRINCIPLE TOPIC OF PROPOSED TALKS WITH SWAPO. ANY
CONTEMPLATION OF SUBJECT IS, OF COURSE, FURTHER COMPLICATED
BY SYG'S RELUCTANCE TO INITIATE ANY PLANNING FOR UN
INVOLVEMENT IN NAMIBIA WITHOUT ENCOURAGEMENT FROM SWAPO.
END COMMENT.
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